

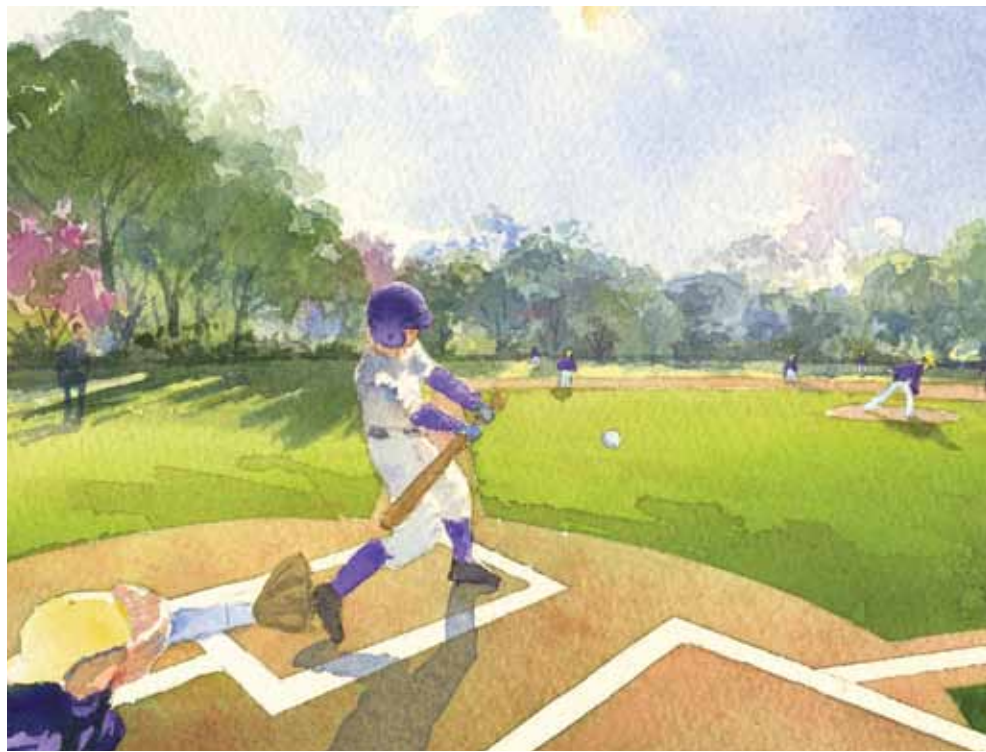
KINKAID TOMORROW: WHAT OUR CAMPUS CAN BE



A jogging/walking trail will run throughout the property, which includes hills and other varied terrain. Kinkaid's cross-country team is already using part of the trail.



A multi-story parking garage will be built to better accommodate the cars of students, faculty and visitors to campus.



New athletic practice fields will be created for baseball, softball, field hockey, soccer lacrosse and other sports.



The Backyard, Kinkaid's outdoor "classroom", will be expanded to include many more learning opportunities for our students.



A new Outdoor Learning Center and Amphitheater will be designed with environmental sustainability in mind, and will serve as multi-disciplinary resources for all our students.

For information on the Tomorrow's Promise Campaign, go to www.kinkaid.org/tomorrowspromise.

Inside the Promise

The Capital Campaign for Kinkaid's Future

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KINKAID RECEIVES HISTORIC \$5 MILLION GIFT

The Jerold B. Katz Family Gives School Gift in the Name of Lenny C. Katz '84

With the \$5 million gift from the family of Jerold B. Katz, Kinkaid is the recipient of the largest gift in its 106-year history. The gift will support the Tomorrow's Promise Capital Campaign as well as Kinkaid's performing arts program.

In recognition of the gift, The Kinkaid Theatre building will be renamed "The Lenny C. Katz Performing Arts Center." The first \$4 million of the gift will support the campaign, the acquisition of the new land and its early improvements. And, the final million dollars will create "The Lenny Fund," a special endowment which will be used to ensure the Performing Arts Center remains a first-class theatre complex.

While the magnitude of the gift is transformational for the School and the campaign, it is even more meaningful for what it represents to the Katz family and the legacy of Kinkaid alum Lenny C. Katz '84.

Lenny's story at Kinkaid is one that is shared by many Kinkaid students and alums. Lenny loved his time at Kinkaid and truly embodied the spirit of the school. From Kindergarten to graduation in 1984, Lenny was a Falcon through and through. Lenny was a strong all-around student, an aggressive athlete and a gifted artist. He played football. He wrestled. He performed in nearly every dramatic production. He lived Kinkaid life to the fullest appreciating the many opportunities the School presented him.

Today, Lenny lives with a traumatic brain injury and remains in a coma after a serious accident in 1988. And, through all that the family has done for Lenny and for the advancement of brain injury research, they recognized the desire to do something transformational and lasting for Lenny. This gift in Lenny's name is the beginning. It is their way to keep Lenny's spirit and love for the School not only alive for Lenny, but for every child with a passion for the arts and a desire to enjoy all that Kinkaid has to offer.

***"Kinkaid was the place that inspired Lenny and filled his heart with the notion that anything was possible. Anything."* -Evan H. Katz**

To understand the gift, one must first understand Lenny and how this contribution came to be. The impetus for the gift came while the family was reminiscing about Lenny's childhood – most of which happened at or around Kinkaid. It was after looking at pictures and old mementos – Lenny posing on one knee in his football uniform; program after program from school plays; a tuxedoed Lenny posing with his date on his way to the prom – that this gift was conceived.

"It came to us right there. Lenny spent more time on this campus than anywhere else. He spent three-quarters of his life here," shared Evan Katz, Lenny's older



Evan H. Katz announces gift to Board of Trustees. Seated L to R: Evan Katz, Headmaster Don North, Evan's wife Nicole Katz. Standing: Trustees Stewart Cureton Jr., David Underwood, Tom Simmons.

brother, in his announcement of the gift to the Kinkaid Board of Trustees. "Lenny's childhood hopes, his dreams, his goals and his aspirations weren't really any different from yours or mine. Many of those dreams were born and nurtured at Kinkaid, on this campus by teachers who challenged and loved in equal measure, a curriculum designed to make students learn to think. Sure, Lenny had guts and charisma but Kinkaid put the books in his hands – Dostoevsky, Twain, Faulkner, Joyce – and the opportunity at his fingertips." Evan, who also attended Kinkaid, continued, "With this gift, we have made that leap and connected a long-ago past to a vibrant and exciting future. For us, Kinkaid is where it all began – and now with this gift, it feels like a homecoming. After all, Kinkaid was the place that inspired him and filled his heart with the notion that anything was possible. Anything."

To celebrate Lenny and this important gift, please join his family and our Kinkaid community at a joyous, once in a lifetime dedication and renaming ceremony on May 6, 2012.

The Kinkaid community is cordially invited to the:

Dedication of The Lenny C. Katz Performing Arts Center

Please join in a celebration of the performing arts as the Kinkaid Theatre is dedicated in honor of Kinkaid alumnus Lenny C. Katz '84.

Featuring dance, drama and musical performances by Kinkaid students of all ages.

**Sunday, May 6, 2012
4:00 – 5:00 PM
Brown Auditorium
The Kinkaid School**

All ages welcome. R.S.V.P. by Thursday, May 3rd
events@kinkaid.org or 713-243-5057



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FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS OR MORE.”

The unprecedented \$5 million gift from The Katz Family and the gifts of 225 other donors have put Phase One of the Tomorrow's Promise Campaign very close to our \$25 million goal. What an amazing testament to our generous community that \$22,223,652 (90% of our goal) has been raised in less than 20 months! With the support of the entire community, we anticipate reaching our goal within the next few months.

The funds from Phase One of Tomorrow's Promise will pay for the purchase of the 24.6 acres contiguous to Kinkaid's previous western boundary, campus access improvements, additional parking, an Outdoor Learning Center, a Master Plan, and related property taxes and financing. Kinkaid will be unable to fully develop the land for several years because the former owner has a life estate. Phase Two will begin in a few years after the School gains valuable input from the Kinkaid community, finalizes a Master Plan and determines the associated costs.

Kinkaid has been built over the past 106 years on the promise made by Mrs. Kinkaid, and the wisdom and generosity of those who came before us. Some of those generous individuals have children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren who attend our School today. Now is our time to help shape the destiny of Kinkaid students for the next 100 years or more.

This issue of *Inside the Promise* is our final effort to be sure that every member of the Kinkaid family has the opportunity to participate in this transformational project. Every gift is appreciated, and your participation is extremely important. You may make a gift in one installment or divide your gift for up to five years, if you prefer. Donors of \$10,000 or more will be listed on the Tomorrow's Promise Donor Plaque. All donors will be listed in the School's Annual Report.

If you have already supported this Campaign, we are deeply grateful for your commitment. If you have not yet participated, we hope you will consider joining us in enhancing the educational experience of Kinkaid students for many generations to come. A pledge form and return envelope are enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you.

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